



RFS Power Coalition Urges Immediate EPA Action on eRINS

Today's RVO Announcement Again Omits Electricity, Nearly 14 Years After Enactment of RFS

Washington, DC – December 7, 2021 – RFS Power Coalition today expressed disappointment that the Renewable Volume Obligation for [years] omits volumes for biogas and biomass projects that generate renewable electricity for electric vehicles. Biomass, biogas and other potentially qualifying power facilities continue to supply renewable power to electric vehicles and renewable hydrogen for fuel cell vehicles using feedstocks that are approved under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). And they continue to wait for EPA to approve the dozens of their projects waiting to generate credits and revenue under the existing renewable electricity pathway of the RFS.

“The hardworking men and women at biomass, biogas and other renewable power facilities across the country remain hopeful that the EPA will include electricity in the RFS as soon as next year,” said Carrie Annand, executive director of Biomass Power Association. “Aside from following the law, enacting the electricity portion of the RFS will support a very important part of the renewable energy industry. Increased electrification means an increased need for 24/7 baseload electricity. Biomass and biogas fulfill this need with negligible carbon emissions compared to coal and natural gas.”

In an excerpt from the American Biogas Council’s statement on EPA’s draft RVO, Patrick Serfass, Executive Director said: “We continue to be extremely disappointed that EPA continues to fail to recognize renewable electricity from biogas in its volumes for now the seventh year in a row. We implore EPA to take action quickly to approve the dozens of projects already registered and revise the RVO for cellulosic biofuel upward to recognize this additional renewable fuel production.”

The inclusion of electricity in the RFS from biomass, biogas and other qualifying renewable power sources enjoys broad bipartisan Congressional support. In June, a bipartisan group of Senators led by Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) [sent a letter to the EPA](#) urging immediate action. They wrote, “As the Administration considers the 2021 Renewable Volume Obligation, including electricity should be a top priority. Approving these backlogged applications and petitions, which the EPA has existing authority to do, will help the U.S. advance its clean energy goals while supporting local economies in rural America.”

About the RFS Power Coalition

The RFS Power Coalition is a group of organizations dedicated to activating the renewable electricity pathway of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The Coalition is led by the Biomass Power Association and the American Biogas Council, the trade associations that represent, domestic biomass power producers who use organic fuels like forest residues and the U.S. biogas industry which makes renewable electricity, hydrogen and natural gas. Biomass and biogas qualify as renewable transportation fuels that should be included in the D3 cellulosic and D5 advanced fuel categories of the RFS. Learn more: <https://rfspower.com>.